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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *Jonathan E. Fielding*
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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD AND NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO
AMEND NINE AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE 14 SOLE SOURCE
AGREEMENTS**

This is to inform you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) has received an award from First 5 LA (First 5) in the amount of \$15 million to improve substance use services to families with children ages 0-5. To implement this grant, DPH-SAPC will enter into nine agreements and 14 sole source agreements.

Background

On November 9, 2010, DPH-SAPC submitted an application for funding for a First 5 grant program award, for a three-year period, beginning in Fiscal Year 2011-12, in the amount of \$5 million per year. This was in response to a First 5 inquiry for innovative approaches to improve services to families with children aged 0-5 years. DPH's proposal included co-location of a Substance Abuse (SA) Navigator at each Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) regional office and sub-site to develop and improve the system by which at-risk families within a community are identified and connected to appropriate services.

On November 18, 2010, SAPC was notified by First 5 that their proposal had been approved. However, due to possible State funding curtailments, the First 5 Commission decided to place the project on hold and any further action to fund the project was halted. During this time, SAPC and First 5 representatives were in regular contact to discuss any updates on the project.

On June 30, 2011, DPH was notified by First 5 that the Commission had approved the award. The amount awarded is \$15,000,000 over a three-year period with an intended start date corresponding to the date of Board approval, which is tentatively scheduled for the Board meeting of December 20, 2011.

The goal of the grant is to improve access to the Los Angeles County continuum of care for SA services for parents and children (from birth to age 5) and pregnant women when abuse or neglect has been reported to DCFS. Currently, there are insufficient resources to connect such parents to existing Substance Use Disorders (SUD) programs and the absence of a streamlined connection to SUD programs and other ancillary services causes fragmentation in delivery of services to at-risk families involved with DCFS.

In order to meet this goal, 1.5 Full-time Employee SA Navigator will be co-located at each DCFS regional office and sub-site to provide Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services to parents of children, aged 0-5 years old, with an open DCFS case. Using the SBIRT model, SA Navigators will quickly assess the severity of substance use, identify the appropriate level of treatment services, and connect families or parents with substance use and other ancillary services.

Justification for Use of Sole Source Contracting

Currently, there are eight Community Assessment Service Center (CASC) agencies in Los Angeles County that provide assessment and referral services who meet the criteria to render the above- mentioned services. In addition to providing services to the community at large, the CASC currently provides services to specific populations, including a limited number of DCFS-involved families under the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program. The eight CASC agencies include Behavioral Health Services, Inc., California Hispanic Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Inc., Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Services, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, Inc., Prototypes, San Fernando Community Mental Health Center, Special Service for Groups, and Tarzana Treatment Center.

Given the desired short implementation time frame of the grant, it is not advantageous to conduct a lengthy solicitation process. DPH will conduct a solicitation for proposals for CASC services and will select new contractors prior to the end of the First 5 grant period. Therefore, SAPC proposes to amend the existing eight CASC contracts to provide substance abuse services for high-risk parents, based on the contractors' experience, and to include the services related to this project in the upcoming Request for Proposals for CASC services.

Additionally, there are fourteen perinatal treatment contracts (Attachment A) that provide Day Care Habilitative, Outpatient Drug Free, and Residential treatment to pregnant women and parents/caretakers with children ages 0-5 years. SAPC proposes 14 sole source agreements with these perinatal providers.

SAPC anticipates that the project will result in positive outcomes including improved identification and screening of families with children aged 0-5 years who have open cases at DCFS, decreased wait time from identification of a substance use issue by DCFS to treatment enrollment, increased engagement in SUD treatment, and decreased reoccurrence of reported child abuse and/or neglect. The change in outcomes will be documented through an evaluation by The Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Under its existing agreement, UCLA conducts several program evaluations for DPH's SAPC.

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Approval of these amendments with the eight CASC agencies, new agreements with the fourteen perinatal treatment agencies on a sole-source basis, and an amendment to the contract with The Regents of UCLA will ensure the efficient use of grant funds to enhance SA use services for at-risk parents of children aged 0-5 years.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL
Perinatal Contract Listing (FY 11-12)**

ATTACHMENT A

#	Agency Name	Site #	Site Address	SPA	SUP	Contract #	Modality
1	ASIAN AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM, INC.	1	520 North La Brea Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90302	8	2	PH-000422A	PDCH
2	EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO	1	9140 Van Nuys Boulevard #211, Panorama City, CA 91402	2	3	PH-000440A	PDCH
		1	9140 Van Nuys Boulevard #211, Panorama City, CA 91402	2	3	PH-001361A	PODF
3	HHS SHELTERING ARMS, INC.	1	112 West 111th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90061	6	2	H-801630B	RS (PERI)
4	LOS ANGELES BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT HARBOR UCLA MEDICAL CENTER	1	1124 West Carson Street - Building N33, Torrance, CA 90502	8	2	PH-000382B	PDCH
5	MELA COUNSELING SERVICES CENTER, INC.	1	5721 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90022	7	1	PH-000424A	PDCH
		1	5721 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90022	7	1	PH-001302A	PODF
6	NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE - LONG BEACH AREA	1	780 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90813	8	4	PH-000376A	PDCH
7	PLAZA COMMUNITY CENTER	1	780 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90813	8	4	PH-001359A	PODF
		1	5255 Pomona Boulevard, Suites 2 & 5, Los Angeles, CA 90022	7	1	PH-000405A	PDCH
		1	5255 Pomona Boulevard, Suites 2 & 5, Los Angeles, CA 90022	7	1	PH-001498A	PODF
8	PROTOTYPES	1	845 East Arrow Highway, Pomona, CA 91767	3	1	PH-000406A	RS (PERI-CPDTPN)
		1	831 East Arrow Highway, Pomona, CA 91767	3	1	PH-000406B	PDCH
		1	831 East Arrow Highway, Pomona, CA 91767	3	1	PH-001350D	PODF
9	SHIELDS FOR FAMILIES, INC.	1	1500 East Kay Street 100,1704,08,10,12,14,16,20,36,40,46,62, Compton, CA 90221	6	2	PH-000441A	PDCH
		1	2620 Industry Way, Suite A, Lynwood, CA 90262	6	2	PH-000441C	PDCH
		1	12021 South Wilmington Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90059	6	2	PH-000441D	PDCH
10	SOCIAL MODEL RECOVERY SYSTEMS, INC.	1	453 South Indiana Street, Los Angeles, CA 90063	7	1	H-702215B	RS (PERI)
11	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS, INC.	1	10603 Downey Avenue, Downey, CA 90241	7	4	PH-000383A	RS (CPDTPN)
12	TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER	1	11500 Paramount Boulevard, Downey, CA 90241	7	4	PH-001292F	PODF
		1	44447 North 10th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534	1	5	PH-000408A	PDCH
		1	2101-45 Magnolia Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806	8	4	PH-000408B	PDCH
		1	44447 North 10th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534	1	5	PH-001349J	PODF
		1	2101-45 Magnolia Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806	8	4	PH-001349K	PODF
13	URDC HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION	1	1460 North Lake Avenue, Suite 107, Pasadena, CA 91104	3	5	PH-000442A	PDCH
14	WATTS HEALTHCARE CORPORATION	1	8005 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90003	6	2	H-801695C	RS (PERI)